

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-25 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 6, 12, 18-20, 22, 24 and 25 have been amended. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to claim 22 in that "is" in line 16 should be changed to "if". Claim 22 has been amended to make this change. Accordingly, it is submitted that the objection to claim 22 is obviated by the amendment and should be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 12-17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,754,885 to Dardinski et al., hereafter Dardinski.

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present invention comprises embodiments of a system and a method that comprise a plurality of different levels of source control in a process control system "that are capable of being enabled according to user need, such as manual source control, basic source control and full source control" (paragraph [0006] of the specification). Independent claim 12 has been amended to more clearly recite the selection or enablement of one of the plurality of levels of source control. Support for this amendment is found in the specification in at least paragraphs [0006] and [0021] to [0028]. Amended independent claim 12 recites:

"a computer comprising a source control system with a selectable level of source control for at least one control strategy is selected from a plurality of levels of source control, wherein said plurality of levels comprise a first level and a second level that contains one or more features not contained in said first level".

In contrast, Dardinski discloses a system that has a single manual source control. Dardinski does not disclose or teach a source control system with a selectable level of source control that "is selected from a plurality of levels of source control, wherein said plurality of levels comprise a first level and a second level that contains one or more features not contained in said first level" as recited in amended independent claim 12.

For the reason set forth above, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 12-17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Dardinski is obviated by the amendment and should be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-11 and 18-21 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as unpatentable over Dardinski in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,971,093 to Spring, hereafter Spring.

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1 and 18 have been amended to more clearly recite the selection or enablement of one of the plurality of levels of source control. For example, amended independent claim 1 recites:

"enabling in said source control system a level of source control from a selection of a plurality of levels of source control, wherein said plurality of levels comprise a first level and a second level that contains one or more features not contained in said first level".

Support for this amendment is found in the specification in at least paragraphs [0006] and [0021] to [0028].

Dardinski merely discloses a single manual level of source control and does not disclose or teach a method step that enables a selection of a level of source control that “is selected from a plurality of levels of source control, wherein said plurality of levels comprise a first level and a second level that contains one or more features not contained in said first level” as recited in amended independent claim 1.

This deficiency of Dardinski is not supplied by Spring, which was cited for a different reason. Therefore, independent claim 1 is unobvious over the combination of Dardinski and Spring.

Independent claim 18 has been amended to recite the following combination of steps:

“receiving in said source control system a selection from a plurality of levels of source control for an object of said source control system;
providing a user-enterable version number when said object is stored, if said selection is a first level of said plurality of levels of source control; and
providing an automatically incremented version number when said object is stored, if said selection is a second level of said plurality of levels of source control, wherein said object is a control strategy loadable to said controller to provide said process control”.

Dardinski does not disclose or teach “a selection from a plurality of levels of source control”, “a first level of said plurality of levels of source control”, and a second level of said plurality of levels of source control”, as recited in amended independent claim 18.

This deficiency of Dardinski is not supplied by Spring, which was cited for a different reason. Therefore, independent claim 18 is unobvious over the combination of Dardinski and Spring.

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 1-11 and 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is obviated by the amendment and should be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 22-25 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as unpatentable over Dardinski in view of U.S. Patent No. 2003/0156719 to Cronic, hereafter Cronic.

Independent claim 22 has been amended to recite the following combination of steps:

“determining whether a full level of source control of a plurality of levels of source control is licensed for said at least one control strategy;
determining whether an option for a basic level of said plurality of levels of source control is selected for said at least one control strategy;
setting said level of support to full, if said full level of source control is licensed; and
setting said level of support to basic if said option is selected,
wherein said at least one control strategy is loadable from said computer to said controller to provide said process control according to said at least one control strategy”.

Dardinski does not disclose or teach “a full level of a plurality of levels of source control”, “an option for a basic level of said plurality of levels of source control”, and setting said level of support to “full” or basic as recited in amended independent claim 22.

The deficiency of Dardinski is not supplied by Cronic, which was cited for a different purpose. Therefore, amended independent claim 22 is unobvious over Dardinski and Cronic.

Independent claim 24 has been amended to recite the following combination of steps:

- “receiving a request from a user to change a level of source control of an object;
- determining whether a full level of source control is licensed for said object;
- determining whether said request is to change said requested level from a level of source control of none to basic;
- determining whether said request is to change said requested level from a level of source control of basic to none;
- performing said request when said request is to change said requested level from none to basic or from basic to none to a new level of source control; and
- storing said new level of source control for said object, which is loadable from said computer to said controller to provide said process control according to said object”.

Dardinski does not disclose or teach “a request from a user to change a level of source control”, “a full level of source control”, “to change said requested level from a level of source control of none to basic”, “to change said requested level from a level of source control of basic to none”, “to change said requested level from none to basic or from basic to none to a new level of source control”, and “storing said new level of source control”, as recited amended independent claim 24. Therefore, amended independent claim 22 is unobvious over Dardinski and Cronic.

Independent claim 25 has been amended to recite the following combination of steps:

“determining a selected one of a plurality of levels of source control that comprises a basic level and a full level by:

determining whether said full level of source control of an object of said source control system is licensed;
determining whether said basic level is selected”.

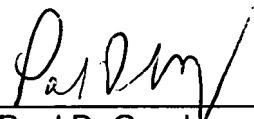
Dardinski does not disclose or teach this combination of steps and especially does not disclose “determining a selected one of a plurality of levels of source control that comprises a basic level and a full level” as recited in amended independent claim 25.

The deficiency of Dardinski is not supplied by Cronic, which was cited for a different purpose. Therefore, amended independent claim 25 is unobvious over Dardinski and Cronic.

It is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth above that the objection to the claims be withdrawn, that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be withdrawn, that claims 1-4 and 6-25 be allowed and that this application be passed to issue.

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